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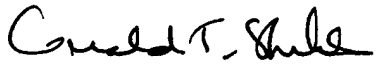
For: **DEVICE FOR ESTABLISHING A  
GALVANICALLY SEPARATE  
CONNECTION BETWEEN A TELEPHONE  
LINE AND SIGNAL PROCESSING UNIT AT  
THE SUBSCRIBER END OF THE  
TELEPHONE LINE**

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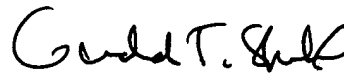
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|                          |              | EP 0 576 882  | 04/16/1997                     | Rahamim et al.                                     |   | Yes            |
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